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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following amended claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 27 for original claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 27. A copy of original claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 27 showing revisions is attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (*Amended*) A method according to claim 1, characterized by the intermediate point forwarding the invitation in accordance with user preference data defining how the invitation shall be forwarded to the second user.

5. (*Amended*) A method according to claim 1, characterized by informing the second user about the invitation together with the invitation identify by means of a ringing signal, a buzz, a flash, or by E-mail.

6. (*Amended*) A method according to claim 1, characterized by the second user selecting the end point and/or access configuration for responding to the session invitation on the basis of available end points and access configuration.

8. (*Amended*) A method according to claim 1, characterized by using as end point by the second user a fixed telephone, a mobile phone, a PC, a multimedia desktop, a lap top, or an end point belonging to a LAN of the second user.

9. (*Amended*) A method according to claim 1, characterized by selecting by the second user the access configuration to be cellular, Ethernet, Token Ring, FDDI, Wireless LAN, Satellite, Bluetooth, etc.

10. (*Amended*) A method according to claim 1, characterized by providing the session invitation in step a) as real time text, audio, audio and text, voice and streaming video, voice and real time video, voice and office tools or VR gaming.

11. (*Amended*) A method according to claim 1, characterized by adjusting timers in session establishment protocols to allow for the time required for the possible change of end point and/or access configuration.

12. (*Amended*) A method according to claim 1, characterized by informing the first user about a possible change of end point and/or access configuration to allow for the time required for the change.

15. (*Amended*) A system according to claim 13, characterized by means at the intermediate point for forwarding the invitation in accordance with user preference data defining how the invitation shall be forwarded to the second user.

17. (*Amended*) A system according to claim 13, characterized by means for informing the second user about the invitation together with the invitation identity in the form of a ringing signal, a buzz, a flash, or by E-mail.

18. (*Amended*) A system according to claim 13, characterized by means for allowing the second user to select and point and/or access configuration for responding to the session invitation in the form of available end points and access configuration.

20. (*Amended*) A system according to claim 13, characterized in that the end point of the second user is a fixed telephone, a mobile phone, a PC, a multimedia desktop, a lap top, or an end point belonging to a LAN of the second user.

21. (*Amended*) A system according to claim 13, characterized in that the access configuration used by the second user is cellular, Ethernet, Token Ring, FDDI, Wireless LAN, Satellite, Bluetooth etc.

22. (*Amended*) A system according to claim 13, characterized in that the session invitation is in the form of real time text, audio, audio and text, voice and streaming video, voice and real time video, voice and office tools or VR gaming.

23. (*Amended*) A system according to claim 13, characterized by means for adjusting timers in session establishment protocols to allow for the time required for the possible change of end point and/or access configuration.

24. (*Amended*) A method according to claim 13, characterized by means for informing the first user about a possible change of end point and/or access configuration to allow for the time required for the change.

27. (*Amended*) A method according to claim 25, characterized by enabling a second user, in case of receiving an invitation request, to select between the steps of

- A) keeping terminal and access configuration for session,
- B) keeping terminal and changing access configuration for session,
- C) changing terminal and changing access configuration for session,
- D) changing terminal and access configuration for session.

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, Applicants have amended the claims to eliminate the multiple claim dependencies in order to minimize the filing fee.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix of Claims

APPENDIX OF CLAIMS

3. (*Amended*) A method according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized by the intermediate point [(4)] forwarding the invitation in accordance with user preference data defining how the invitation shall be forwarded to the second user [(B)].

5. (*Amended*) A method according to [any of claims 1-4] claim 1, characterized by informing the second user about the invitation together with the invitation identify by means of a ringing signal, a buzz, a flash, or by E-mail.

6. (*Amended*) A method according to [any of claims 1-5] claim 1, characterized by the second user selecting the end point and/or access configuration for responding to the session invitation on the basis of available end points and access configuration.

8. (*Amended*) A method according to [any of claims 1-7] claim 1, characterized by using as end point by the second user a fixed telephone, a mobile phone, a PC, a multimedia desktop, a lap top, or an end point belonging to a LAN of the second user.

9. (*Amended*) A method according to [any of claims 1-7] claim 1, characterized by selecting by the second user the access configuration to be cellular, Ethernet, Token Ring, FDDI, Wireless LAN, Satellite, Bluetooth, etc.

10. (*Amended*) A method according to [any of claims 1-9] claim 1, characterized by providing the session invitation in step a) as real time text, audio, audio and text, voice and streaming video, voice and real time video, voice and office tools or VR gaming.

11. (*Amended*) A method according to [any of claims 1-10] claim 1, characterized by adjusting timers in session establishment protocols to allow for the time required for the possible change of end point and/or access configuration.

12. (*Amended*) A method according to [any of claims 1-11] claim 1, characterized by informing the first user about a possible change of end point and/or access configuration to allow for the time required for the change.

15. (*Amended*) A system according to claim 13 [or 14], characterized by means at the intermediate point for forwarding the invitation in accordance with user preference data defining how the invitation shall be forwarded to the second user [(B)].

17. (*Amended*) A system according to [any of claims 13-16] claim 13, characterized by means for informing the second user about the invitation together with the invitation identity in the form of a ringing signal, a buzz, a flash, or by E-mail.

18. (*Amended*) A system according to [any of claims 13-17] claim 13, characterized by means for allowing the second user to select and point and/or access configuration for responding to the session invitation in the form of available end points and access configuration.

20. (*Amended*) A system according to [any of claims 13-19] claim 13, characterized in that the end point of the second user is a fixed telephone, a mobile phone, a PC, a multimedia desktop, a lap top, or an end point belonging to a LAN of the second user.

21. (*Amended*) A system according to [any of claims 13-19] claim 13, characterized in that the access configuration used by the second user is cellular, Ethernet, Token Ring, FDDI, Wireless LAN, Satellite, Bluetooth etc.

22. (*Amended*) A system according to [any of claims 13-21] claim 13, characterized in that the session invitation is in the form of real time text, audio, audio and text, voice and streaming video, voice and real time video, voice and office tools or VR gaming.

23. (*Amended*) A system according to [any of claims 13-22] claim 13, characterized by means for adjusting timers in session establishment protocols to allow for the time required for the possible change of end point and/or access configuration.

24. (*Amended*) A method according to [any of claims 13-23] claim 13, characterized by means for informing the first user about a possible change of end point and/or access configuration to allow for the time required for the change.

27. (*Amended*) A method according to claim 25 [or 26], characterized by enabling a second user [(B)], in case of receiving an invitation request, to select between the steps of

- A) keeping terminal and access configuration for session,
- B) keeping terminal and changing access configuration for session,
- C) changing terminal and changing access configuration for session,
- D) changing terminal and access configuration for session.